

# Foggy Bottom News

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## SCHOENEMAN RE-ELECTED;

### ELLIE BECKER IS NEW VP

Charles Schoeneman was re-elected as President of the Foggy Bottom Association at the June meeting, the last monthly meeting until the start of the 1968-69 Association year in September. Ellie Becker, Lucy Briggs and Harriet Gruger will serve with him next year as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

The only newcomer to the Association's officialdom is Lucy Briggs, who is a long-time resident of the Bottom.

Both Ellie and Harriet are familiar to Association members—Ellie as FBA secretary for the past two years; and Harriet through her service on the FBA Board and previous term as Acting President in 1962.

Newly elected Executive Board members include Elizabeth Davis, FBA Treasurer in 1966-67 and 67-68; former vice presidents Rev. F. Everett Abbott and Rev. Richard Martin; John Fanning; and William Lattin (also known to readers of the *News* as "Mary Lande.")

## FBA APPEARS AT ZONING HEARINGS

Pursuant to motions passed at the last meeting, FBA President Charles Schoeneman submitted a lengthy letter to Mayor Washington and the members of the Zoning Commission, outlining FBA's position on several zoning matters (see FBA meeting minutes). Representatives of FBA appeared at the June 26 and July 8 hearings on the proposed Watergate and Columbia Plaza proposals, respectively. The FBA opposes the proposals which would "ultimately reduce the inner city to a commercial and office complex without regard for the human needs of the people...." Schoeneman also stated that none of the proposals appear to include "adequate parking for the cars which reasonable men can expect will accompany the proposed land use."

## CONCERT A HIT IN MANY WAYS

By any standard, the recent D.C. Youth Orchestra concert in Foggy Bottom was the most successful community event of the year—maybe even in the past several years.

In terms of community response, the concert was an outstanding favorite. About 400 people attended, accounting for almost all the available chairs, and the performance of the Orchestra was greeted with obvious enthusiasm.

In economic terms (which seem to be the most important ones in many areas these days) success was equally obvious. Gross receipts totaled about \$500, and the net gain to the Foggy Bottom Association treasury, after deducting for chair rental and similar items, came to \$282.62. This was an important shot in the arm for the ailing exchequer, which suffers chronically from lack of funds.

Finally, in terms of organizational effort, the concert was planned and run by Mrs. Charles Culhane with an efficiency and skill the Foggy Bottom Association should use more often. About half the tickets were divided into packets of ten each, Mrs. Culhane relates, and each packet was delivered to a volunteer who had agreed to sell them. Almost all of these tickets were sold, the remaining receipts being taken "at the gate." Anonymous donors supplied over 25 tickets to children and others unable to afford them. "The concert definitely will be repeated next year," says Mrs. Culhane.

## HEARING ON GWU MASTER PLAN JULY 17

At 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 17, the Zoning Commission will hold a hearing on the master plan for expansion by The George Washington University. Foggy Bottom residents who are interested are urged to attend the hearing in Room 500, District Building, 13th & E Streets, N.W. The FBA has requested permission to testify at the hearing.



## END OF AN ADMINISTRATION

This is the last issue of the *News* for the 1967-68 season; it is also the final edition to be superintended by the present staff. We cannot take our leave without thanking the numbers of individuals without whose time and effort the paper could not have been published and distributed (the resemblance to credit-sharing Oscar winners is unavoidable).

Associate Editor Charles Lanman has assumed the entire responsibility for the paper whenever the Editor was unable to be present for crucial "make-up" sessions, for which we cannot thank him adequately. Ellie Becker's service to the *News* has been mentioned in earlier issues; we say "thank you" to her again for assuming and so ably filling the Business Manager's position, and for bailing us out. With apologies to anyone whose name is inadvertently left out, a large collective "thank you" to "distributors" Jerry Oaks, Art Ziffer, Alex Wiskup, Kip Thoreson, Morella Hansen, Betty Brown, Harold Armitage, Al Cottrell, Carl Eklund, Marjorie Wheatley, Lonnie Sutor and Betty May; and a special vote of thanks to Liz Davis. And finally, we must thank all of our loyal advertisers—the lifeblood of the paper—who rate not only our editorial acknowledgement, but your everyday support.

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## DUES NEWS . . . . .

Treasurer Liz Davis informs us that there were 250 FBA members as of June 24th, 1968. She urges all current and prospective members to pay 68-69 dues (\$3) to her, at 2413 "H" St., N.W. during the summer months.

## AT THE JUNE MEETING . . . . .

1. Treasurer's report showed fiscal year ended with a slight deficit.

2. Fr. Abbott reported on zoning hearing on GWU's plan; plans to rezone, if any, not available at this time. Motion carried to transmit to zoning board FBA's request for adequate parking in GWU's new buildings.

3. Committee appointed (William Lattin, chairman) and motion carried to oppose rezoning to commercial Watergate's last building.

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**H&G TOUR CANCELLED**

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Morella Hansen and her three guests—Judi Fleischacker, Lt. Michael Morrison and Capt. Gilman—were the first to take advantage of the offer, and the FBA treasury is \$10.00 to the good as a result. Thank you, Mr. De Sando!

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**LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION**

*The following letter was addressed to the Secretary of the FBA:*

Thank you for the copies of the letters from the newspapers [concerning the wire loops littering Foggy Bottom streets].

It goes to prove that things can be changed when a group sets about doing it in an orderly way. No miracles have happened, but I am sure the paper delivery service will be more careful in the future.

We have enjoyed our years in Foggy Bottom and will miss the Association. The young people that are taking the house will prove a very fine addition to the community and I believe that they will want to become active in affairs here.

Walter S. Boardman

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